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TSUYOSHI WATANABE

DRAGONS RIOTING

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DRAGONS RIOTING



DRAGON 25

THE BLACK SKIES SHALL SOON RISE

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DRAGONS RIOTING

08

TSUYOSHI WATANABE







JONES





CLEAR
MY
MIND.

KEEP IT
UNTROU-
BLED



"THE
PANTIES
SHINE
OVERHEAD"

SHITA-
MACHI
ROCKET

WAY
OF THE
T.SUKUDA



RINTARO
PRIDE



THAT'S
ENOUGH

RENA.
TGAME.



**ULTIMATE
BLACK
TRIO**

**FORGED
OF
IRON
—
RENA**

**ULTIMATE
BLACK
TRIO**

**SILENT
FROZEN
HUNGER
—
ISAMI**

ULTIMATE BLACK TRIO

VANISHING MIST — KIRIKO

HUH?
I DON'T
SEE THE
BIG DEAL.

DON'T
GREET YOUR
ENEMY LIKE
THAT.

THERE YOU
HAVE IT!
NICE TO
MEETOW!!

I'M
SAYING
IT'S NOT
PROPER.

NOW,
NOW.

... THESE
GAYS
HAVE
SKILL....!!

I COULD
TELL
JUST
FROM
THAT
DISPLAY
EARLIER
.....

OH...
THAT'S
RIGHT.

...
WITH
THIS
"ULTIMATE
BLACK
TRIO"
TRAMP

SO
WHY DID
YOU COME
HERE...

WE
NEED TO
MAKE
OUR
POWER
KNOWN TO
THE WORLD
...!!

...IN
TAKING THE
MAIN STAGE,
AFTER ONLY
EXISTING IN
THE SHADOWS.

RIGHT
NOW.....
THE BLACK
MIST AND
DARK
SKIES ARE
MAKING
RAPID
PROGRESS
...



THE
BLUE
SKIES
ARE
ALREADY
DEAD!!

THE
BLACK
SKIES
SHALL
SOON
RISE!!



!!

...ARE
MOVING
UP IN THE
WORLD
...?!



THE
BLACK
MIST AND
DARK
SKIES...



FIRST...
WE NEED A
FOOTHOLD
—



I SORRY
HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT
THEY'RE
TALKING
ABOUT.

JAPANESE
IS HARD.



WHO ARE
THESE
PEOPLE?

THE
BLACK
MIST...
WHAT?



SO NAN-GOKUREN SHALL FALL UNDER THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES' CONTROL ...
...AND BECOME OUR HOME BASE!!



I DON'T GET IT.

HUH? WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?

YOU'RE TALKING CONTROL OF NAN-GOKUREN ???



!!!



IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES!!

WH-WHY NAN-GOKUREN, THOUGH ??



...AND PUT THEM TO WORK AS MY SOLDIERS.

SO I THOUGHT I'D DRILL THE WAYS OF THE BLACK MIST AND DARK SKIES INTO THEM...

I'VE HEARD THAT NAN-GOKUREN HAS MANY TALENTED STUDENTS.



YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO
LEARN THE
TECHNIQUES
OF THE BLACK
MIST AND
DARK SKIES
...!!

YOU
SHOULD BE
THANKING
ME!



GET
OUTTA
HERE!!

GO
HOME!!

WHERE
DO YOU
GET OFF
!!?

HEY?
WHO
DOES
THIS
GUY
THINK
HE IS?



...AND
MAKE
FRIENDS
FIGHT
EACH
OTHER
...!?

YOU WANT
TO MAKE
THEM DO
WHAT WE
HAD TO...



HOW
DARE
HE...



THAT'S
THE FUN
PART...



I'M
SURE
YOU DON'T
MIND...

NAN-
GOURN
WILL BE
MINE....













LECTURING
AN
IDIOT WON'T
ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING.

IT'D BE
FASTER TO
JUST TAKE
HIM OUT
WITH A
SINGLE
BLOW!!



THE
DRAGON
OF
GLEAMING
NIGHT IS
HERE!!

KYOKA
!!

IT'S
KYOKA!



SOME-
THING'S
BEEN
GIVING
OFF A
REAL
TASTY
SMELL.



LOOKS
LIKE YOU
TWO ARE
HAVING
ALL THE
FUN.



KYOKA-
SAN...



YOU
CAN'T
RELY ON
THAT
GIRL..



I'M ONLY
HERE TO
EAT TASTY-
LOOKING PREY.
THAT'S
ALL..

HUH?

YOU'LL FIGHT
ALONGSIDE
ME, KYOKA-
SAN!?



SHE'S ONLY
INTERESTED IN
SATISFYING
HERSELF.

IRINO
HAS
MADE
HER
EN-
TRANCE
—!!

THE
DRAGON
OF
STORMING
JADE IS
HERE!!

HMPH!
SO THE
BRAIN HAS
ARRIVED.

IT'S
GLASS-
BRAIN!



MORE
THAN
THE
SA-
MURAI-
SHI-Y

THE
OPP-
ONENT'S
POWER
EXCEEDS
THAT OF
THE FIVE
EMPER-
ORS.

JUDGING
BY THE
DAMAGE
ON THE
BUILDING

OOH
THEY
REALLY
DID A
NUMBER
HERE.





...FOR HER.....

ALL EXCEPT...



LOOK
AT
THAT

HA...!



.....



AND
STORM-
THE
JADE

THE
DRAGONS
OF
PLEASANT
MOUNT—



WE'RE ALL
GATHERED
HERE.

THE
STORM



THERE'S
NO WAY
WE'LL
LOSE
NOW!!

THE
DRAGONS
HAVE
ASSEM-
BLED
—IT



TO HAVE
THIS MANY
CAPABLE
PEOPLE
GATHERED
IN ONE
PLACE.....

I KNEW
I MADE
THE RIGHT
CHOICE
WITH NIN-
GOKUREN
...

KUH
KUH...
KUH
KUH...
KUH...



...IT MAKES
ME WANT
IT EVEN
MORE.....!!



QUIT
DANGLING
AND GET
OVER
HERE!
RYUGAI!!

AH...
A...ID...

NEGU.
SHU. BY
SWORDS...

WHAT..
WHAT?
H-HOLD
ON...

HWPW!
THIS IS A
SURPRISE
FEAST.

ALL
RIGHT!!

GOT
IT!

HEH?



HEH
HEH...

MY
BODY'S
GETTING
SOFT...

I
CAN'T
TAKE
IT ANY
MORE.
LEAVE
FIGHT!

HEY,
SAIGO!





I HAVE A PROPOSAL.

RINTARO-KUN.

WHAT IS IT? SPIT IT OUT ALREADY.

YOU'RE STILL NOT DONE TORTURING HIM? HMM? SAID?

WHAT IS IT, SAID-SAN?

DON'T SPOIL THE MOOD!!

...ISN'T SOMETHING YOU GET TO SEE EVERY DAY

TO HAVE THIS MANY CAPABLE WARRIORS FIGHTING UNDER ONE ROOF...



...IF WE
DIDN'T
SPICE
THINGS
UP A
BIT?

DON'T
YOU
AGREE
IT'D BE A
WASTE...

WE'LL HOLD
ONE-ON-ONE
BATTLES
BETWEEN THEM
AND WHOEVER
HAS THE MOST
WINNERS BY
THE END...

YOU FOUR
REPRESENT
NANGOKU-
REN...

...AND
THESE
FOUR
REPRESENT
THE BLACK
MIST AND
DARK
SPIES.

...GETS
NANGOKU-
REN!!

I KNOW...
WE'LL CALL
IT—

WE'LL
RECONVENE
IN A FEW
DAYS!!



!!



THE REN-BLACK
BATTLE TO RULE!!!





...FOR THE
RIGHT TO
RULE THE
SCHOOL!!

FOUR FROM
NANGOKUREN
AND FOUR FROM
THE BLACK
MIST AND DARK
SHIPS WILL
FIGHT...

THE
REN-BLACK
BATTLE TO
RULE...??

IT'LL
BE
LIKE A
LITTLE
GAME.



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HE'D CALL
IT A GAME



IT'S
SAITO-
SAMA'S
SENSE OF
FUN.

SO
CHILDISH.

SAITO
LOVES
STUFF
LIKE
THIS.



HM...
YOU'VE
GOT A
POINT.

IF
IT'S FOUR
AGAINST
FOUR, THIS
COULD ALL
END WITH A
TIE.

DRAW



...YOU'VE
OVERLOOKED
A MAJOR
POINT

SAITO-
GAM

!!



RINTARO-
KUN, YOU
CERTAINLY
ARE FOND
OF JOKES.

T-TYPICAL
MASTER!!

WE'LL
FORGET
THIS WHOLE
THING EVER
HAPPENED
AND GO
BACK TO OUR
RESPECTIVE
EVERDAY
LIVES.



...WE'LL
FIGHT UNTIL
ONE SIDE OR
THE OTHER
PERISHES.

IN THE
MOST
LITERAL
SENSE...

HOW ABOUT
A SUDDEN
DEATH
SCENARIO?



THAT WON'T
SETTLE THINGS
AT ALL!!

ONE OR
THE OTHER
PERISHES
.....?



NO, NO,
NO. YOU
WERE
TOTALLY
SERIOUS
!!

I WAS JUST
WATCHING YOUR
JOKE WITH
ONE OF MY
OWN...

HUH
...?

TCH









...IS
FACED
WITH A
HUGE
CRISIS.

RIGHT
NOW,
NANGOKU-
REN...



IF THAT
HAPPENS,
THEN LIFE AT
NANGOKUREN
AS WE KNOW
IT WILL BE
OVER!!

...TO TAKE
CONTROL OF
NANGOKUREN
AND ITS
STUDENTS!!

THE
BLACK
MIST AND
DARK SKIES
ARE PLANNING
TO USE
FORCE AND
FEAR...



R-
RIGHT
!!

PLEASE,
MASTER,
A WORD.



THE
BLACK
MIST...
AND
DARK
SKIES
!?

SHE
MEANS
NAN-
GOKUREN
WILL BE
TAKEN
OVER
.....!?



!!

TH- THE
BLACK
MIST AND
DARK
SKIES
IS—



WHY ARE YOU
PULLING A
"WHISPERING PROPHECIES"
ACT?

YOU
BLANKED
...?

I-I
BLANKED...

WHAT'S
THE BIG
IDEA?



THAT
REMHINDS ME,
WASN'T HE A
CANDIDATE FOR
STUDENT COUNCIL
PRESIDENT?

...WHY'S
HE UP
THERE
TOD?

I GET
WHY THE
DRAGON OF
FLASHING
STAR WOULD
SPEAK,
BUT...

WHY?
WHAT'S
THE
POINT
OF THIS
MEETING
ANYWAY?

OH!! I
THINK I
REMEMBER
THAT!!

MASTER,
WHAT'S
GOTTEN
INTO
YOU?

I'M
SORRY, I
SUDDENLY
GOT SELF-
CONSCIOUS
AND
COULDN'T
DO IT...





EVERYONE!!
PLEASE LISTEN!!

YOUR NEW
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT
HAS
SOMETHING
TO SAY!!



I TURNED
DOWN
POSITION
AS
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT !!

THIS
GUY?
WHEN
DID THAT
HAPPEN?

HEH?
NEW
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT?



EMA-
SAN!!



IF
EMA-
CHAN
SAYS SO,
I GUESS
IT'S
OKAY?

BUT IT
HASN'T
BEEN
OFFICIALLY
DECIDED.



!!

...MUCH
BETTER
SUITED FOR
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PREZ!!

CHINTARO
IS THE
ONE...





.....



DO
AS YOU
WISH.

.....

WHAT'LL
IT BE,
RINO...?



ALL IN
AGREEMENT
THAT HE'S
THE MAN
FOR THE
JOB. RAISE
YOUR HAND!!



ALL
RIGHT!! THE
SECOND-YEARS
WILL DECIDE
NOW TOO!!

WE'LL
VOTE
WHETHER
RINTARO
TACHIBANA
IS FIT TO BE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT.



THEY
DON'T
SOUND
EXCITED
...

BUT
THERE'S
SOMETHING
SO GEEKY
ABOUT
HIM.

IT'S
BETTER
THAN THE
OTHER
GUYS AT
LEAST.

I GUESS
IT'S OKAY?
NOT LIKE
THERE'S
ANYONE
ELSE.

WHAT
DO WE
DO?







AAAAH!
I'M
FEELING
REEEEALLY
ANXIOUS
NOW!



WHY
DID SHE
SUDDENLY GO
HOME—!?
SHE'S
GOING TO
HELP ME
FIGHT,
RIGHT?
ISN'T
SHE?
ISN'T
SHE?



IN THAT
CASE...

...I'll
JUST
HAVE
TO GO
TO HER
HOUSE
...IT



O-JUST
WHAT IS
HE?

WHAT IF
SHE SAYS NOT
ANOTHER...

I WON'T BE
ABLE TO SEE
HER AGAIN UNTIL
THE DAY RIGHT
BEFORE THE
MATCH...

WHAT
DO I DO?
TOMORROW'S
THE WEEK-
END...

DEAD DEAD



SO I
THOUGHT
I'D...
DROP
BY.

I HAVE
SOMETHING
I WANT TO
CONFER WITH
HER.....

HUH?
I DO,
BUT...

...WHY?

UM...WOULD
YOU HAPPEN
TO KNOW WHERE
SHE LIVES?



...I
HAVE
TO
KNOW
...??

ONE
THING...



OH,
YEAH!

...THERE'S
ONE THING
YOU HAVE
TO KNOW.

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
RING'S
HOUSE...

THE
NEXT
DAY



HAW!



GUP!



SO
THIS IS
GLASSES-
SAN'S HOUSE

PHEW...
I MADE
IT.



IT
TOOK
SOME
TIME
GETTING
HERE,
BUT...

AM
UNUSUAL
CONDITION



PEEING
VOICE

IF
YOU DON'T
DRESS
APPROPRI-
ATELY, YOU'LL
BE TURNED
AWAY AT
THE DOOR.

...
ABOUT
THE
DRESS
CODE.



THE
THING
YOU
HAVE TO
KNOW...











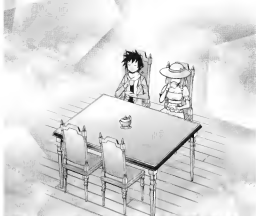














IT
MUST BE
'COS THE
PEOPLE
WORKING
HERE
BREWED
IT.



THAT'S A
SPECIALTY
SHOP FOR
YOU...

BUT
THAT
REALLY
WAS
TASTY.



I'M
THE
ONE...

...WHO
BREWED
IT...



TH-
THANK
YOU...

WOW!!
I COULD
DRINK THIS
EVERY
DAY!

I THOUGHT
FOR SURE IT
WAS DONE BY
A PRO!

HUH...? R-
REALLY?



DEN'T
THIS
SCENARIO
WAS THE
BEST OF
THE WORLD
CALLS...

...ANY?
WAIT...



...SHE'S
ACTUALLY
GOT GREAT
FASHION
SENSE AND
KNOWS A
LOT ABOUT
TEA...



GLASSER-
SAN GAVE
OFF THE
IMAGE
OF BEING
COLD AND
SCARY...
BUT...





...THIS
IS REALLY
BAD...

UH-OH...



...WOULD
FIGHT
WITH ME
IN THREE
DAYS,
BUT...

WE'RE
GOING TO
HOLD THE
RED-BLACK
BATTLE TO
BRIEFLY

I CAME
TO SEE
IF SHE...

DATE
!!

...D-
D-D-
D-

...THIS
IS
MORE
LIKE
A...



LET'S
SEE...

SOME
PLACE YOU'D
NEVER
GO ON A
DATE.....

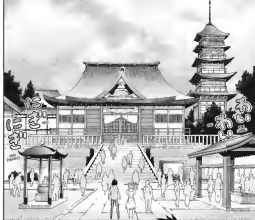
WHERE
WILL
THEY
TAKE
RINTARO!!

S-
SOME-
WHERE
I WANT
TO
GO??

LET'S
GO
SOME-
WHERE
YOU
WANT
NEXT.

DAUNTLESS AND DECISIVE





MY ANCESTOR WAS A SUCCESSFUL COMMANDER OF A SAMURAI ARMY DURING THE AGE OF WARRING STATES.





**GENER-
ALS!?
NO
WAY!!**

THAT
APPLIES TO
YOU TOO,
RIGHT?

THERE'S
BEEN A
RECENT BOOM
FOR WARRING-
STATES
GENERALS, SO
THERE ARE
MORE YOUNG
TOURISTS
NOW.



*N-HOT GOOD...
THIS PLACE HAS
TURNED INTO A
TOTAL DATE
DESTINATION.....*

AGH....



I-IF
THIS
KEEPS
UP.....



A-MONEY
OFFERING
??

SINCE
WE'RE
HERE,
LET'S
MAKE A
MONEY
OFFERING.



① ASK EACH OTHER WHAT HE WISHED FOR.



② OFFER MONEY



③ HOLD HANDS.



④ GET FLIRTY



⑤ END WITH A KISS!!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, ALL OF A SUDDEN?

RINTARO'S SO NERVOUS THAT ALL HIS LINES OF THOUGHT LEAD TO KISSING...

WE CAN'T OFFER MONEY —!!

NO WAY!! NO HOW!!



I'M AFRAID
THIS THING'S
GOING TO
MORPH INTO
A DATE...!!

NO...
IT'S
JUST...

IS THIS
ABOUT
RELIGION?



BUT
WHERE
TO GO
.....?

KEEH



S-
SORRY

BUT YOU SAID
YOU WANTED
TO GO TO A
GRAVESITE.

WH-WHY
DON'T
WE GO
SOME-
WHERE
ELSE?



IT'S
BETTER
TO NOT
GO TO THE
SHORE
DURING
WINTER.

AND
THERE
WAS
NOBODY
THERE.

IT
SURE
WAS
CHILLY



PERHAPS
YOU
SHOULD
HAVE HAD
MORE
HERBAL
TEA...

WHAT?

THERE!!



CRASHING
WAVES,
GUSTING WIND.
IT'S THE
FURTHEST
YOU CAN
GET FROM A
DATE-LIKE
ATMOSPHERE!!



GOOOOD,
GOOD,
GOOD,
GOOD.
THIS IS
IT!!

...
BECAUSE
THERE'S
SOME-
THING I
WANTED
TO ASK
YOU...

LISTEN,
THE REASON
I ACTUALLY
CAME TO
YOUR HOUSE
TODAY
WAS...

NOW TO
GET TO THE
POINT AND
THEN GET
HOME.

BUT
THAT'S
A GOOD
THING!!

IT
SURE
IS...

IT'S
SO
GOOD
... ..







① OUR
MOMENT
BROKEN
AS I
LOOSED IT
BACK.



② GET
THE
AME.



③ WE
BEFORE
KISS
OF
EACH
OTHER.





AND TO THROW IT SO FAR...



BUT YOU JUST CAUGHT IT.
WHY DID YOU THROW IT AGAIN?





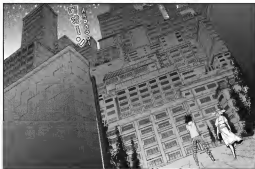


IS-IS IT ALL
RIGHT IF
WE CHANGE
LOCATION
AGAIN?

WHERE
TO
NEXT?



AT THIS RATE,
SOMETHING
WORSE THAN
A DATE WILL
TRANSPIRE...



AND
BEING
SOME-
ONE'S
FAMILIAR
CALMS
ME.

I
WOULDN'T
EVEN
IMAGINE
OF IT
MYSELF.

...THERE'S
ABSOLUTELY
NO DATE-LIKE
ATMOSPHERE
AT GUN-
DOCKEN.



GO
AND
FETCH
IT.

I
SEE...
THEN
I'LL
WAIT
HERE.



WELL,
I JUST
REMEMBERED
I FORGOT
SOMETHING
HERE.

WHY NAN-
GOKUREN?

THAT'S
A GOOD
ENOUGH
EXCUSE
...



THEN
LET'S
GO.

OH, O-
O-KAY.

UH...BUT
I CAN'T
CARRY IT
WITHOUT
ANOTHER
PERSON.



NEXT,
WE'LL GO
SOMEWHERE
WE CAN TAKE
OUR TIME
TALKING.



HHHHH...
WHAT'S
A GOOD
PLACE...?







...AFRAID
OF
GHOSTS?

かあ
ああ
ああ



SO EVEN
GLASSER-
MAN IS
AFRAID
OF SOME-
THING...

O-
OH.

I-I
AM NOT
AFRAID OF
GHOSTS
!!

I JUST
DON'T
LIKE THE
DARK!!

EVEN
THOUGH
USUALLY
I'M AFRAID
OF HER...



JUST
LOOK
AROUND
...

SO HURRY
UP AND LET
GO OF MY
HAND...

D-DON'T
WORRY
EVEN IF
IT'S DARK,
IT'S STILL
JUST THE
SAME OLD
SCHOOL.









...WE'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN
TOGETHER.

EVER SINCE
WE WERE
LITTLE...

Y-YEAH.
REN-SAN.

YOU KNOW
ABOUT MY
SISTER,
RIGHT?



W A A A A A H !

RING,
7 YEARS
OLD



REN,
8 YEARS
OLD

THERE
ALL
DONE!

IT'S A
BRIDE
BOND
FOR TWO!



AND
WHAT
DO YOU
PUT IN
IT?

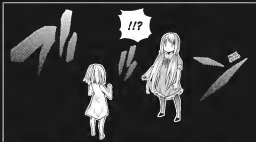
IT CAN
OPEN UP
RIGHT
HERE.

...THAT
WE WERE
ALWAYS
BEING
TOLD NOT
TO GO IN.

WE USED
TO PLAY
IN THE
UNDER-
GROUND
STORAGE
ROOM...



THAT DAY,
THERE
WAS A
TERRIBLE
STORM.



SHIFT

ARE...

END...



YEAH!!

I'LL ALWAYS
...BE
RIGHT
THERE
WITH
YOU,
RINO.

THE NEXT
MORNING,
WE WERE
RESCUED
WITHOUT
INCIDENT.

I SPENT
THE NIGHT
HOLDING MY
SISTER'S
HAND LIKE
THAT.

IS
THAT
SO
BAD?

BUT IN THE
END, YOU
NEVER GOT
OVER YOUR
FEAR OF
GHOSTS.

N-
NOT
AT
ALL!

...I WOULD
ALWAYS BE
WITH MY BIG
SISTER.....

BACK
THEN, I
THOUGHT

...AND MY
SISTER
GOT INTO
NANGOKU-
REN.

THE
DAYS AND
MONTHS
PASSED...

DAY
BY DAY, THE
LOOK IN MY
SISTER'S
EYES GREW
MORE
AND MORE
STERN.....

...I DECIDED
THAT I, TOO,
WOULD GO TO
NANGOKUREN

SEEING
HER
LIKE
THAT...

BUT
THE NEXT
MORNING,
SHE WOULD
LEAVE THE
HOUSE
WITH A
SMILE
ON HER
FACE.

BUT—











BUT
AFTER ONE I
COMMITTED
MYSELF
TO MY
TRAINING.



WHEN MY
DOMINANT HAND
COULDN'T WORK
ANMORE, I'D
REORT TO MY
OTHER...



I
REPEATED
THAT
EVERY
SINGLE
DAY...



AND WHEN
THAT ONE
WOULD GIVE
OUT ON
ME, I'D GO
BACK TO MY
DOMINANT
HAND...





AND
THEN I
DECIDED.



I WOULD
OBTAIN THE
"POWER"
MY SISTER
WAS SO
ENTRANCED
BY...!!

ALL
OF
IT...





...WAS
SO I
COULD
GET
BACK...

...MY
BOND
WITH MY
SISTER
.....!!



...YOU ONLY
HAVE YOUR
EYES SET
ON "POWER"
FOR THE
DOMINATION OF
NINGOKUREN...

AND WHAT
SHOWS IN
HER EYES
NOW IS
"POWER."

A LONG
TIME AGO,
MELL-GAN
TOLD ME...



WHAT I
HAVE MY
EYES SET
ON...

HUH?

BUT
THE
TRUTH
IS IT'S
FOR
MELL-GAN
AND
...

NO.



...
HIGHER
...!!

...**IS**
FAR...



H-H-H...

!?

...MY SISTER
CAN'T TAKE HER
EYES OFF ME.
WHETHER SHE
LIKES IT OR NOT.



AS I
ADVANCE MY
STANDING...



SO IN
A WAY YOU'RE
NOT WRONG WHEN
YOU SAY I ONLY
HAVE MY EYES SET
ON "POWER."

HEH
HEH

THAT'S
WHY...
...I NEED
YOUR
STRENGTH
...!!



Y-
YEAH.

THE BLACK
MIST AND DARK
SKIES...WAS
IT?

OF
COURSE,
I'LL DO
SOMETHING
FOR YOU
TOO.



THIS
WILL
ALSO
SERVE
AS A
GOOD
CHANGE

...TO
LEARN ABOUT
POWERS
OUTSIDE OF
NANGOKUREN



**I WILL
HUNT
DOWN...**

**...EVERY
LAST
ONE OF
THEM.....**



I THINK YOU SHOULD AIM FOR HIGHER HEIGHTS AS WELL.

...THAT MEANS YOU'LL TAKE MY PLACE IN THE FIGHT TOO!

AH... BUT IF YOU HUNT THEM ALL DOWN...



THE
HECK IS
THAT? REN...
BLACK.

THE REN-BLACK
BATTLE TO RULE
SITE - 10TH ATHLETIC FIELD

THE REN-BLACK
BATTLE TO RULE
SITE - 10TH ATHLETIC FIELD

THIS
PLACE
IS AS
CONFUSING
...

...AS
EVER.

The Lucky
Lecher
moment
has
arrived
!!

Y
a
h
o
o
!!

DEK!

OH
NO!

THIS
WIND...

9-50
GLOBE ...!

















HE
GOT THE
WRONG
SYMBOL
FOR
"TACHI"
!!

UM...
AH?!

D-
DAD...!!

!!

HOW
DO YOU
READ
THAT?



!!

AWW...
IT
LOOKS
GROWN
ON.



EEEEEE
I WONDER
IF I CAN
TAKE THING
OFF?

D-
DON'T
ASK.

HMM?
WHY'S
YOUR
FACE
ALL
RED,
RENT?



I HELPED
BRIN WITH HER
COSPLAY, SO
I'M GOOD AT
SEWING!

I CAN
DO IT
FOR
YOU.

WAH!



HMM?

THERE,
THERE.

I'LL
TAKE IT
OFF FOR
YOU.



**THE REN-BLACK
BATTLE TO RULE**

Now,
at long
last! It's
time for
the life
or death
battle...

The Ren-Black Battle to Rule...

...is
about
to
begin
—!!

I'll be your host.

The
home-room
teacher
of Class
I-B,
Almond

10

100

**fighting
the good
fight.**

And then are the guys...





My
body's
burning
up so
much,
I can't
take it!

HO
HO.



//

RIN-
TARO-
KUN.

SORRY!!!

URGH...

Hurry!
Faster!!



...THERE'S
SOMETHING I WANT
EVEN MORE THAN
RINGSKUPEN.

THE
TRUTH
IS...



AND
WHAT
IF I DO?
HEH
HEH...

YOU
MEAN
ME?

UH...

AND
THAT'S YOU,
RIN'TARO-
KUN.

I WANT
TO GET
A GOOD
TASTE OF
YOU...!!



...NATURALLY
YOU'LL BECOME
A MEMBER OF
OUR CLAN...

WHEN
NANGOKUREN
BECOMES THE
HEADQUARTERS
FOR THE BLACK
MIST AND
DARK SKIES...

AND
WHEN
THAT
HAPPENS

...

...YOU'LL
BE
MINE...



!!

SAIED-
GAN.

THAT
WON'T
HAPPEN.



IT'S
FOR THE
STUDENTS!!

THIS PLACE
DOESN'T
BELONG TO
ANYBODY

BECAUSE
TOMORROW

—

...NANGOKUREN
WILL BE
THE SAME
NANGOKUREN
IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN.



**...WITH
ALL MY
MIGHT.**

**TODAY
I WILL
FIGHT
YOU...**



**HEH
HEH...
I LIKE THAT
LOOK IN
YOUR
EYES.**



**LET'S
FIGHT
TO OUR
HEART'S
CONTENT
TODAY...**

**... RINTARO-
KUN.**



**...the
first
round
will
begin!!**

**All
right.
And
now at
last...**



SHARGH!

I'LL TAKE
ROUND ONE.
I'LL BUST
THROUGH
ANY IRON
OR STEEL.

I CAN'T
HOLD
BACK ANY
LONGER!!

FORGED
OF IRON
RENA WILL
BATTLE—

UH...
NOMINEES
...??

HEY!! YOU
DIDN'T PICK
NOMINEES?!

WHO'S
GOING TO
FIGHT?

AH...
UH...

FINE
BY
ME!!

COME
OUT
HERE!!

!!

YOU
WITH
THE
FLASHY
GETUP!



HOW
FUNNY.

I
FEEL
THE
SAME
WAY!!

I HATE
GIRLS WHO
SMILE LIKE
THEY'RE SO
CONFIDENT.

IT MAKES
ME WANT
TO PUNNEL
THEIR FACES
IN!!



Round
...will be one...
Nanokuren's
Dragon of
Gleaming
Night,
Kyokai!

US.

The Black
Mist and
Dark Skies'
Forged
of Iron,
Renai!

B
e
g
i
n
!!

And
with
that—

HUH?
THAT'S
A GOOD
QUESTION...

CAN I
JUST BEAT
HER UP UNTIL
SHE CAN'T
MOVE?

...WHAT'RE
THE
RULES?

HEY,
BEFORE
WE
BEGIN...

ALL
RIGHT,
THEN!!

AS WE
LIKE...
BH?

THE
FIGHTERS
CAN DO
AS THEY
LIKE.

SAYO,
WHAT'S
THE
PLAN?

THAT'S
WHERE
WE GET THE
CHARACTER
FOR
"CONTRA-
DICTION"
FROM,
RIGHT?

YOU KNOW
THE STORY
ABOUT THE
STRONGEST
PIKE AND THE
STRONGEST
SHIELD?

SURE.
WHAT?

CAN
I ASK
SOME-
THING?

HEY!!



THE
LAST ONE
STANDING
WILL BE THE
WINNER!!

...AT
THE
EXACT
SAME
TIME AND
SEE WHAT
HAPPENS
.....!!

WE'LL
BOTH
THROW A
PUNCH
THAT HAS
ALL OUR
BODY AND
SOUL IN
IT...

...AND
I CAN TELL
YOU'RE NOT
THE TYPE TO
TAKE THE
SHIELD ROLE...
RIGHT?

I HATE
WHEN THINGS
ARE PULL...

SORRY,
BUT THAT
SOUNDS
PULL

!!

YOU
GET
ME!!

SAME
HERE
!!

SHE
JUST
ENJOYS
SUCH
THINGS

NOT
AGAIN

AND
GREAT

ONE
MIL...
TO
DECIDE
THE
MATCH
!!



Looks like they hit it off right away.

What a stipulation! A one-hit duel —!!?



HOW ABOUT YOURS !!?



DON'T BLAME ME FOR ANY CASUALTY.









URAAAAAH!



GAAAAAAAH!



STAR
CRUSHER

GLEAMING
DRAGON
MIGHTY
FIST—



Wh-
what an
incredible
clash!

KUH
...



The
stones
collapsed
from the
sheer
impact!?

Every-
one,
watch
out!





But it
appears
they've
both used
up a lot
of their
energy!!

Th-
they're
unscathed!!
Neither
of them
have a
scratch!!

HAAH

HAAH

HAAH

HAAH



HAAH

HAAH



HAAH

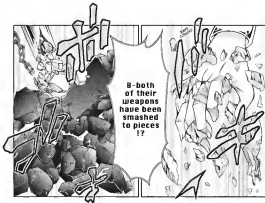
HAAH



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B-both
of their
weapons
have been
smashed
to pieces
!?



~~~~~

What will  
become of  
this one-  
hit fight!?



~~~~~

But
the match
is still
going—!?

Their
weapons
have
been
reduced
to rubble.



HA!



HAHAHA!



I
LOSE...



SO THERE
ARE
STRONG
PEOPLE
OUT
THERE...

What a
shock!
They're
both
down!

It's a
double
K.O.
—!!

Round
one is
a tie
—!!



I'M
STUPPED.

THEY'RE
NOT TO
BE UNDER-
ESTIMATED
...!!

THE
MASTERS
IN A
RING...



THERE!
GOES MY PLAN
OF MAKING THE
THREE OTHERS
ON OUR TEAM
HOW TO END
THIS MATCH
BEFORE MY
TURN!

A-NO WAY...
I THOUGHT I'VE
HAD KOFU-
KUN'S WIN IN
THE BAG...



KUN
...

A double
K.O. means
...
neither
team
has a
victory!!

It's
the
Ren-
Black
Battle
to
Rule.
What
a wild
ride of
a first
round!!

MUST
MEAN SHE'S
PRETTY
SKILLED...

SO
SHE'S
YOUR
EQUAL...

SOMEBODY
GIVE RENA A
SHOULDER.

KYOKA-
CHAN!
ARE YOU
OKAY??

ONE SIDE (MURDER)

THE BLACK
MIST AND
DARK SKIES
ARE WICKED
STRONG...

ISN'T
THIS THE
FIRST TIME
KYOKA'S
TIED IN A
FIGHT?

I'M
TIRED
BEING
!!

THAT'S
RARE.

A TS,
HUSH...

THAT
WAS
QUITE A
FEAST.

I DON'T
GET THAT
EVERY
DAY...

SORRY, I
STUPPED
MYSELF.

KYOKA-
SAN.



THEY'VE COME BACK



THEY'VE COME BACK
BLUE SKIES
AHEAD

...let's
continue
on to the
second
round!!

Now
that
we've
cleared
all the
rubble
off the
arena...

HUH?

YOU
UNDER-
STAND,
DON'T
YOU,
RINTARO.

GLASSES
BOY!!
THANK
YOU!!

I'LL
GO.

...YOU'LL
BE MINE.

ONCE
I'VE
HUNTED
ALL
OF THESE
BLACK MUST
AND DARK
SKIES
GUYS
DOWN...

WHAT'S
THIS
WEIRD
FEELING
...?

I WANT
HER TO
WIN BUT
AT THE
SAME
TIME I
DON'T...

BECOME
MY
RIGHT-
HAND
MAN.

AH!!



!!

WAIT,
ISAMI.

I'LL
TAKE
HER
ON.

.....WHY?

YOU'LL
GO
AGAINST
AYANE.

KIRIKO
WILL
FIGHT
NEXT.



PUN-
ISHED
...?

AND
I WANT
YOU TO
CARRY
THAT OUT
FOR ME.

SHE
NEEDS
TO BE
PUNISHED.

AYANE
BETRAYED
THE BLACK
MIST AND
DARK
SKIES.



DON'T
COME
CRYING
TO ME
WHEN THIS
DOESN'T
TURN OUT
WELL.

Ho

THEN I'LL
PARTICIPATE
IN THE
SECOND
MATCH.

HEH
HEH...
I'M NOT
WORRIED.



WHO MY
OPPONENT
IS DOESN'T
MATTER.

I'll
BE YOUR
OPPONENT.
GO EASY
ON
ME...

...Nan-
gokuren's
Dragon of
Storming
Jade,
Rinell

Round
two
will
be...

US.

The Black
Mist and
Dark
Skies'
Vanishing
Mist,
Kiriko!!



B e g i n !!



TYPICAL...

HUH...



IF YOU DON'T INTEND TO FIGHT, THEN DON'T PARTICIPATE.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?



...ALLOW ME TO COME AT YOU FULL FORCE FROM THE START.

TO REMEDY MY IMPUDENCE...



HOW TERRIBLY RUDE OF ME.

ARE YOU TRYING TO MEASURE MY STRENGTH OR SOMETHING?

I FEEL NO BLOOD-LUST COMING FROM YOU...







OVER!!



WHY...
WHAT THE
HELL...!!

AAAAAAAAA--



OVER
OVER (OVER!!)



It's...!!

...has
unleashed
her wild
side — !!

Wh-what's
happened!?
Kinko...



!?







I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT, BUT
THAT'S...

NO...

SNAKE
FIST?!

The
Dragon of
Storming
Jade
has been
smashed
into the
earth!!

Wait...
Sh-
she's
gone!!

It's
Kiriko's
over-
whelming
power -





...RRR...

She
dodged
it by
a hair.
But what
will the
Dragon of
Storming
Jade do
now?



HAH...

...TAK...



THIS
FEELING
...

THIS
TECH-
NIQUE...

I'M
FAMILAR
WITH
THEM...



I SEE
THEM ALL
THE TIME.





RINTARO?

KIRIKO-SAN'S
MOVES ARE
JUST LIKE—

YES...

THE
DRAGON
OF
STORMING
JADE'S
OPPONENT...
...IS THE
MASTERY?

YES...

...CAUGHT
ON.

HEH-HEH...
LOOKS LIKE
RINTARO'S...

...THE MOVES
OF ALL OF THE
EARTH'S LIVING
CREATURES—

TECHNIQUES
THAT
PROJECT
ONTO
YOURSELF...

...THE
BLUE
MOON
REFLECTED
ON A
LAKE.

THE
SCHOOL
OF...

FOUNDING
ANCESTRAL ARTS

...IN AN
OFFSHOOT
OF THE SA
FOUNDA
MENTAL
AS THE S
OF THE
MOON REF
LECTED O

THE
...CAME
FROM
THE SAME
ANCESTRAL
STYLE, AND
MERELY
SPLIT OFF
LATER
DOWN THE
LINE.....

HE SAID
THAT THE
BLUE MOON
REFLECTED
ON A LAKE
AND THE
BLACK MIST
AND DARK
SKIES...

...KNOW
ABOUT
THE
BLUE
MOON
RE-
FLECTED
ON A LAKE
... IT

WHY WOULD
THE
BLACK MIST
AND DARK
SKIES...

MY
FATHER
ONCE
TOLD ME
SOME-
THING.

FOUNDING
ANCESTRAL ARTS

FOUNDING
ANCESTRAL ARTS

...WAS
BECAUSE
YOU HAD
GOTTEN YOUR
FOUNDATION
WITH THE
BLACK MIST
AND DARK
SKIES...

...WHICH
MEANS...

//

THE
REASON YOU
WERE ABLE
TO USE THE
MOVES FROM
BLUE MOON
REFLECTED
ON A LAKE...



...IT
SHOULD
BE NO
SURPRISE...

...THAT
KIRIKO-SAN
CAN USE IT
TOO.....!!



...AND
MASTER
THEM.

...SHE CAN
ADOPT ANY
AND ALL
FORMS OF
MARTIAL
ARTS...

...TO
STRENGTHEN
UP...

BY
FORCING
HER
BODY...



...SHE IS
AN EVEN
MORE
INTENSE
CREATURE.

...WITH
THE BLACK
MIST AND
DARK SKIES
"POWER"...

BY
INTE-
GRATING
RENTARO-
KUN'S
"POWER"...



...IS
THE VERY
EPITOME
OF
"POWER"
...!!

KIRIKO,
AS SHE IS
NOW...

PROBABLY
HOW YOU
SUDDENLY
ADOPT THOSE
STRANGE
GESTURES...

LIKE
BODY
TALK

HUH?
IT?

RYUNE-SAN,
WHAT ARE
MY SHORT-
COMINGS?

I MEAN,
I WANT
TO BUT
I DON'T
KNOW
MY OWN
WEAK-
NESSES!!

SO IF
GLASSER-
SAN IS
TALKING
ON "ME"
.....

THEN I
SHOULD
OFFER
SOME
KIND OF
ADVICE.

TOO
CLOSE!

YEAH, MOST
CONVENIENT!!

AND
WHILE P
YOU
COME
THIST?

EE!

THAT'S
ACTUALLY
VERY
CONVE-
NIENT.

TOO
CLOSE!

HEH.
HEH...
JUST
WATCH.

YEAH.
IT'LL
WORK
OUT
FINE.

EH...
WHEN YOU
SAY
CONVE-
NIENT...

GRAH!





HMM?
WAIT
.....



//

GLASS-
SAN IS
PREDICTING
HER
ATTACKS
.....!



HMM?

...IS
OBSESSED
WITH YOU,
RIN-CHAN.

...
RIGHT
NOW
RINO
...



B-BUT
HOW...IT

THAT'S
GOD...



EVEN I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND
WHY...

AND
IT'S
ONLY
SOME-
THING...

Y-
YEAH.

YOU
LET RINO
TOUCH YOU
LIKE IT WAS
NO BIG DEAL,
REMEMBER?

RIN-
CHAN.



...THAT'S
PROBABLY
WHY I
HAVEN'T BEEN
HAVING MANY
LUCKY LEADER
MOMENTS...

NOW
THAT SHE
MENTIONS
IT...

OHH...

...THE
MOMENTS
WHEN YOU LET
YOUR GUARD
DOWN.

IT'S
POSSIBLE
SHE'S
FIGURED
OUT...



...SHE'S
GOTTEN SO
STRONG.

THIS IS
HER TRUE
NATURE.....

THAT'S
NOW...

...WOULD
GLASSES-
SAN EYES
KNOW
THAT?

B-BUT
WHY...



THE SOURCE
BEHIND RINO'S
STRENGTH...

BEING
AMBIDEXTROUS
IS JUST THE
icing ON
TOP OF THE
CAKE!

YOU MEAN
HOW SHE'S
AMBIDEX-
TROUS?

TRUE
NATURE
...

...IS HER
"HYPER-
DEPEN-
DENCE."

HYPER...

...DEPEN-
DENCE?

THAT'S
HOW SHE
GOT AS
STRONG
AS SHE
IS NOW.

...SHE'D
ALWAYS WATCH
REN AND TRY TO
GET CLOSE TO
LEARN AS MUCH
AS SHE COULD
ABOUT HER.

SINCE
SHE LIKED
REN...

SO
SHE'S
LIKE A
STALKER.
...

...UNTIL
SHE
MAKES
THEIR
POWER
HER
OWN.

RING
RELIES
VERY
STRONGLY
ON THOSE
TOWARD
WHOM SHE
HAS AN
AFFINITY.

SHE
MAKES
THEM THE
SUBJECT
OF HER
RESEARCH.

TH-
THAT'S
A BIT
MUCH
TO PUT
ON A
GUY...

...RING IS
THOROUGHLY
VERSED ON
THE SUBJECT
OF YOU.

IN
OTHER
WORDS,
RIGHT
NOW...

BUT NOW
SHE HAS HER
EYE ON YOU,
REN-CHAN.



It's almost
like she can
predict her
every move!
She's not
letting her
lay a finger
on her!!

The
Dragon of
Storming
Jade is
fending
her off!
She's
fending
her off
—!!

HAH

HAH



HEH
HEH
HEH
...



HA
HA
HA



HEH
HEH
...

A fearless smile
has suddenly bloomed
on the Dragon of
Storming Jade's lips.

Wh-
what's
this
—!!



YOU'RE NOT
RINTARO...

...YOU'RE
A SHODDY
IMITATION.



!!

THERE'S
TWO
REASONS
...

!!



AND SECOND...

...THERE'S ONE DECISIVE DIFFERENCE...

... BETWEEN YOU AND RINTARO.

HE WOULDN'T LET ME PREDICT HIS EVERY MOVE THE WAY YOU DID.

FIRST...

...IS THAT RINTARO WOULD SURPASS MY FORECASTS...

OH...



AND I'M ABOUT...

...TO DEMONSTRATE IT TO YOU!!

SHE'S SO RECKLESS.

IT'S LIKE THROWSING PREY IN THE FACE OF A PREDATOR.

AND WITHOUT HER GUARD UP?

SH-SHE'S NOT GOING TO USE HER SWORD?!



INANAMI
SCHOOL OF
SWORDSMAN-
SHIP SECRET
TECHNIQUE—

HIDDEN
SWORD
WAVE





This
time the
one to be
smashed
into the
ground...

What a develop-
ment!!

...is
Kiriko!!

It was
so fast
I can't
tell what
happened!



THE
GUIDEBOOK ON
SWORDSMANSHIP
PASSED DOWN
THROUGH THE
INARAME FAMILY
SAYS THIS—

SHE SWIFT
HER AWAY WITH
THAT SERIES OF
MOVES.....

HOW
...



WHAT
MATTERS
MOST IS
BEING LIKE A
CLEAR STREAM—
DEPENDS
ONESELF AND
KNOWING THE
RULES.....

TRUE
STRENGTH
COMES
FROM
WITHIN.

DO NOT
BECOME
TOO
SHAMORED
WITH
YOUR
BLADE.



ONE
WRONG
MOVE, AND
SHE'D BE THE
ONE PASSED
OUT RIGHT
NOW.

BUT THAT
WAS A
REAL LAST
RESORT
THERE.



THE
MAIN
DIFFER-
ENCE...

...
BETWEEN
YOU AND
RINTARO
...

...IS...

**...THAT
OF MAN
AND
BEAST.**



...YOU
REMAINED
JUST AN
ANIMAL
.....

BUT
YOU...

...AND
ELEVATED
THEM TO
TECHNIQUES.

DINTARO
ADOPTED
ANIMALISTIC
MOVES...

....MADE
IT EASY TO
HUNT YOU
DOWN.

SO...SIMPLY
LAYING OUT
A TRAP BY
ABANDONING MY
SWORD...



THE STRONG

HAAR



100





...TO
THOSE
WHO ARE
OBSESSED
WITH
POWER...

THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENS
...



...THE
MOMENT
YOU LOSE
YOUR POWER,
YOU HAVE
NOTHING
LEFT...

EVEN
IF YOU
CAN CHARM
PEOPLE
BY YOUR
STRENGTH
ALONE...



...WAS
BECAUSE
I DIDN'T
WANT
THAT TO
HAPPEN
TO YOU.

DON'T
COME TO
NANGOKUREN.

THAT REASON
WHY I DIDN'T
WANT YOU
TO COME TO
NANGOKUREN...



SHE
TOLD
ME ALL
ABOUT
IT.

REN WAS
LOOKING OUT
FOR YOU,
RING.

SO THAT
YOU WOULDN'T
BE ALL ALONE
AFTER SHE'D
GRADUATED.



Ren
and Rino
are both
enamored
with you.
☆

RIN-CHAN!
YOU HAVE
TO LOOK
OVER
THESE
TWO
SISTERS
NOW!!

KEEP IT
UNDIS-
TURBED.

CLEAR
MY
MIND.



KUJIN
...



WHY

YEAH!!

WAY
OF THE
STRONG
STYLE—



EPISODES FROM THE DATE WITH RINO



TRANSLATION NOTES

Page 5

"I have no recollection of that." An infamous phrase uttered by Rarigi Denro, a famous magi influential in politics who was caught in the lockdown in busy scandal in 1979.

Page 7

Master & Master, Johnson. *Master & Master* is a popular manga by Teichiro Togeishi that features a very outland character named Johnson the Doctor. The poor Kinton is asking him to very resistant of one that Johnson does as well.

Page 9

Isakade, Shikamochi Fudori. *Shikamochi Fudori* is a TV drama about a man named Isakade who gives up his current career to take over his father's manufacturing plant to develop orders.

Page 14

"The blue skies are already dead. The black skies shall soon rise." This is an old-fashioned version of the campaign slogan of the Yellow Ribbon Rebellion during the Ming Dynasty that is usually seen "The flowers jump on (it is already dead, the yellow earth (the white) shall soon rise."

"Japanese is hard." In Japanese, most written characters have multiple pronunciations. The meaning of *Kakemono Joken* ("Black Not and Dark Skies") is not immediately obvious to a foreigner like him.

Page 22

Sales Game, green game. A play on the Dragon Ball manga as "The Cell Game." The character responsible for arranging it is a green winged named Cell.

Page 28

Whispering Proprietress. *Isakade Taki* was the owner of the high class restaurant *Takia Kitchi*, which closed due to food safety violations. She would whisper during her press conferences.

Page 48

Dumpey. Being injured look Dumpey would mean his body is a figure eight pattern to both attack and defend. The "Dumpey Ball" was popularized in Japan thanks to boxing manga *Boxing no Joke*.

Page 52

Kingman. It references to the film *Kingman*, the Janet Levine, and the fact that multiple characters have side parts and glasses.

Amuse or Bar. *Amuse* how the *Shinichi Kudo* is a famous Japanese TV character who always wears a signature bow tie.

Isakade Maki. The iconic supporting hero from the *Seller Man* series who wears a black cape and shows eyes as a weapon.

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The Three Bulls for Help. In the Chinese novel *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*, Liu Bei must pay three visits to strategic genius Zhuge Liang to gain his help. This has since become an idiom in Japanese culture to mean "to ensure the bull for help" — *usaku no rui*.

Barpy. Refers to an old cartoon and bookseries, usually a lecture of very well-to-do families.

Page 63

Old Data. Not only a reference to the action film *Old Data*, the old-fashioned joke is that the words "hard" and "data" are written similarly in Japanese (*hardt* vs. *data*).

Page 73

Dragon Ball, Piccolo. *Piccolo* is a green-skinned alien from the Dragon Ball series who formerly stolen the power when he steals Gohan from Nappa's bomb attack.

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Self pile. A heap of soil set at the entrance of a typically high class Japanese restaurant to weed off bad luck.

Page 83

Reverberant. A brand of water hose d, a short-handled like vehicle.

Page 104

Uchi's Welcome. In Japanese, the term *uchiwa* is *uchiwa* ("hell no"), someone who loves any and all visitors.

Shinichi Kudo. A catching the Street Fighter II video game character *Shinichi*, who can roll forward like a connected attack.

Page 127

The wrong symbol for Jishi. The "Jishi" in Kinton's last name "Jishikawa" means "to stand." The symbol on his back here, although it's also pronounced "Jishi" and means "to stand," it implies more "to get on another."

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"Strongest pile and strongest shield." In Japanese, the *tsuppi* for the concept of "contradiction" is literally "pile shield."

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Shi, Ppa, To, Shi, Kai, An, Batsu, Tai, Zai. These symbols refer to showing out one part of the Kapon (Nine Symbolic Cuts), a series of hand gestures that are supposed to show each consciousness to each even higher level.

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Shinichi Kudo, Shikajuku. *Shikajuku* is a fictional all boys' school in Tokyo from the manga *Sakigake!! Shikajuku*, where delinquents are not trained to become leaders of the next generation. *Shinichi Kudo* is a school of martial arts used by the character *Shin*.

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Strong Style, "YoYoYo!" The catchphrase of Japanese pro wrestler Shinichi Nakamura, the "King of Strong Style," whose signature pose is bring done by *Shinichi Nakamura* is famous for his eccentricity and powerful knee strikes. *Strong Style* is a Japanese form of pro wrestling that emphasizes action in performance.

Take of Four Buses. A DVD featuring Shinichi Nakamura and three other pro wrestlers who have all been major stars in New Japan Pro Wrestling.

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